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SUBJECT: AGENDA FOR WORLD FOOD COUNCIL

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- 1. THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL'S RAPPORTEUR, ALEX LANDYMORE, AND HIS GROUP OF ADVISORS, "FRIENDS OF THE RAPPORTEUR", MET JUNE 1 TO DISCUSS AGAIN THE RAPPORTEUR'S AGENDA FOR THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL MEETING OF WORLD FOOD COUNCIL, REFTEL (A).
- 2. THE MEETING WAS OT CONCLUSISIVE AS FEW MEMBERS HAD SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS OR REACTIONS TO SECRETARY BERGLAND'S LETTER, REFTEL
- (B). THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT ON POINTS MADE IN TEXT OF BERGLAND LETTER BUT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES EXPRESSED CONCERN ON ITS ATTACHED AGENDA AND ESPECIALLY ITS LACK OF MENTINING TRADE ISSUE. THERE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WAS A LITTLE DEBATE OVER THE DESIRE OF BRITO, GROUP OF 77 CHAIRMAN, TO KEEP RECOMMENDATIONS INTACT FOR DEBATE AND THEREFORE FEAR OF AN AGENDA THAT GROUPED ISSUES AND RELATIVE PARTS OF RECOMMENDATIONS. U.S. REFERRED TOFRENCH AND UK FAVORABLE RESPONSES TO BERGLAND LETTER AND THEN READ SUPPORTIVE MAREI LETTER, REFTEL (C). HE EMPHASIZED THAT WE REALLY DID NOT YET HAVE DEVINITIVE MINISTERIAL VIEWS AND SHOULD DELAY FINAL PREPARATION OF AGENDA.

3. LANDYMORE SUMMED UP BY EMPHASIZING THAT DRAFT AGENDA WOULD BE HIS. HE LIKED IDEA OF SHORT, BASIC AGENDA ALONG LINES OF BERGLAND'S ATTACHMENT, BUT HE BELIVED HE MUST MODIFY IT TO INCLUDE TRADE IN ONE OF GROUPS OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED UNDER OVERALL SYNTHESIS LEADING TO CONCLUSIONS ON ELIMINATION OF HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION. THEN LANDYMORE PLANS TO PREPARE A LONGER, ANNOTATED AGENDA. HE ALSO LAYS GREAT DISTRESS ON DISTINGUISHING BETWEEN POLICIES AND MEASURES AND THAT THESE SHOULD LEAD TO RECOMMENDATIONS.

4. NEXT STEP WILL BE FOR LANDYMORE TO DRAFT HIS AGENDA. THIS DRAFT HE WILL DISTRIBUTE TO THE "FRIENDS" FOR THEIR COMMENTS
BEFORE RAPPORTEUR PREPARES FINAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATION
FOR MINISTERS. THUS THIS WEEK WE WILL BE ABLE TO EXPRESS
ANY FURTHER REACTIONS TO BERGLAND LETTER AND WILL BE ABLE TO
REACT OURSELVES TO LANDMORE'S FIRST DRAFT WHICH SHOULD BE
AVAILABLE ON JUNE 2 OR 3.GARDNER

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